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**Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.** 

Friday, March 16, 2001

## **Around D-M**

#### Celebrate women

There is a Women's History Month continental breakfast March 28 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at the enlisted club. The cost is \$5. There is also a Women's History Month luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 for club members and \$12 for nonmembers. Lt. Col. Gina Giles, 12th Air Force Chief of Staff, is the guest speaker. Call Peg Nelson at 8-8440 by today for reservations.

#### L-3

The L-3, Life, Leadership and Luncheon is April 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the enlisted club. Tickets are available at the base chapel and from first sergeants beginning Monday. The cost is \$3 for E-4 and below and \$5 for E-5 and above. Call Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Thomas at 8-5411 for more information.

#### Officers' Call

There is a mandatory call for all officers March 23 at 4 p.m. at the Officers' Club. The guest speaker is V.V. Harris, a Tuskegee Airman.



Individual mobilization augmentee Staff Sgt. Daniel Montijo and Senior Airman Jennifer Tucker, both 355th Security Forces Squadron response force leaders, hone their shooting skills at the firing range.

## Cops' compete for Air Force honors

By Staff Sgt. J. Elaine Phillinganes Public affairs

The 355th Security Forces Squadron earned the Best Large Security Forces Unit Award for Air Combat Command and is now competing for "best" in the Air Force. An evaluation team will be at D-M Monday through March 23 to visit the squadron.

D-M is the first nonnuclear base to garner the award at the ACC level in the last five years.

Reasons for their success can be linked to many things but squadron

leaders believe their "can-do attitudes" seem to stand out the most.

"We all come together as a cohesive unit and push in the same direction to get the job done. The people in this squadron simply make the mission happen and overcome any obstacle in their way ... we don't let the usual speed bumps slow us down," said Capt. Allan Fiel, 355th SFS, operations officer.

The team's many accomplishments that set them apart from the rest include:

♦ Winning individual command level awards like Staff Sgt. Donna Porter for the Julie Y. Cross Award,

and Senior Airman Luis Galarza as the Augmentee of the Year.

- ♦ Winning the Contending Warrior competition, which they won by the largest margin ever, with more than a 100-point lead over the closest contender. At this competition Staff Sgt. Guy Dashnea was selected for the ACC team and competed at Defender Challenge where he won more medals than any other individual.
- **♦** Supporting large-scale base events like the D-M 50 Picnic and the air show. With more than 600,000 visitors, bad weather con-

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**60** airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. Call AADD at 850-2233 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride. Three days since last D-M DUI: Last unit: 355th CS (Current as of Thursday)

## Commander's Corner

#### **Security Force kudos**

#### **Comment:**

I wanted to call in about "Airman" Krueger and "Sergeant" Sorenson of the Security Forces because they are absolutely wonderful ... totally professional at their job—top gun. I think they are absolutely fabulous. If you would like confirmation, please call me back. Thank you.

#### **Response:**

Thank you for taking the time to recognize two of our outstanding security forces troops. Airman 1st Class Ezekiel Krueger is one of our sharpest installation entry controllers and takes great pride in representing his unit, the 335th Wing and the Air Force. Staff Sgt. Andrew Sorenson is one of our top security forces desk sergeants and continuously goes above and beyond in helping victims of crime.

Our entire security forces unit is proud to

serve our D-M community, ready to respond to any situation. They are truly committed in keeping our D-M family safe and secure. I am happy to relay they are one of two finalists in the "Best in the Air Force" security forces unit competition.

#### 'Space A' concern

#### **Comment:**

I was on the space available list on a flight going to Dover this morning. Another individual and I were there waiting. The airman at the terminal kept in contact at all times with base operations to ensure that they would pick us up and let us know what time to board. As far as we knew, there were about 73 seats available. He called about three times and the last time he called, he was informed that the aircraft had taken off without checking with anyone. Base Operations and the aircrew of that aircraft did

not check in when they knew there were space available people waiting. I would like the commander to know and ensure that things like that don't happen again. Thank you very much.

#### Response:

We apologize for the inconvenience you experienced and appreciate your input, which is an integral part of the process improvement. Your unfortunate experience was the result of poorly worded communication between the passenger terminal and base operations, combined with a failure on the part of the C-5 crew to inform base operations when they were ready to board passengers. In order to ensure that such inconveniences do not occur in the future, we have done the following: 1. Clarified the appropriate terminology to be used between base operations and the passenger terminal, 2. developed a more concise list of information on aircraft scheduled for departure, and 3. created a log for tracking aircraft status while on the ground and awaiting passenger loading.



**Col. Bobby Wilkes** 355th Wing Commander

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

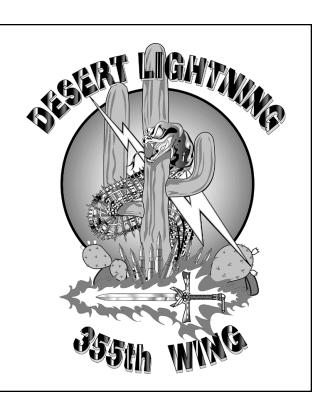
Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **228-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: <u>355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil</u>.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

This week I salute Airman 1st Class Sirsedrick Kendrick and Candice Camacho of the 355th Security Forces Squadron for ensuring our base community is safe and secure. Their location and return of a stolen bicycle has made one of our residents a very happy boy. Great work!



## **Your Final Answer?**

### What do you consider good luck?



Cindy Keen
Park University
"My lucky number,
14. It was the day I
joined the military, it
is my birthday, when
I graduated, got
promoted, student ID
and many more."



Master Sgt.
Jeff Gresham
355th Wing
"I always wear the same socks for basketball games."



Senior Airman Lesa Kensey 355th Security Forces Squadron "My lucky number, seven."



Staff Sgt. Lynn Finona 355th Mission Support Squadron "My son V.J."



Tech. Sgt. Rodney
Weldon
355th Mission Support
Squadron
"One day when
everything goes the
way it is suppose to ...

and it never does."



Maj. David Czzowitz 355th Mission Support Squadron "My wonderful command staff."

## Airmen reenlist, continue service

Congratulations are extended to the following reenlistees and their families for their continued commitment of service to the United States of America and the Air Force. The reenlistees and years of reenlistment are:

12th Air Force

Tech. Sgt. Carlton Wells (four years);

25th Operations Weather Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Kyle Teeselink (three years)

**355th Wing**Tech. Sgt. Kevan Kipp (four years);

Tech. Sgt. Glenda Weber (six years)

41st Electronic Combat Squadron Staff Sgt. Robert Cantu (six years);

Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Redeker (four years)

**42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron** 

Master Sgt. Kevin Jurgella (four years); Senior Airman Angela Newman (four years); Staff Sgt. James Westerdale (six years); Staff Sgt. Terry Fitzgerald (six years); Staff Sgt. Michael Sechler (six years); Staff Sgt. James Drechen (six years);

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Covington (four years);

Staff Sgt. David Guy (four years)

43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jason Armstrong (six years); Tech. Sgt. Jon Williams (six years)

355th Civil Engineer Squadron

Master Sgt. Enrique Tutaan (four years); Tech. Sgt. Laurance Messick (four years);

355th Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Astara James (four years); Staff Sgt. Jose Libunao (four years);

Master Sgt. Leah Proffitt (four years) 355th Component Repair Squadron

Staff Sgt. John Alsvig (six years)

**355th Contracting Squadron** Staff Sgt. Dennis Mohn (four years)

355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Scott Roberts (four years), Senior Airman Marigen Dumaual (four years); Senior Airman David Henderson (six years); Staff Sgt. David Shaffer (five years); Staff Sgt. Martin Brown (six hours); and Senior Airman Douglas Fletcher (three years)

355th Logistics Group

Staff Sgt. Shawn Hughes (six years)

355th Aerospace Medical Squadron Senior Airman Michelle Goss (four years)

355th Medical Operations Squadron Senior Airman Debra Sheppard (four years),

Tech. Sgt. Clifford Ocampo (four years)

355th Medical Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Tommy Green (six years); Staff Sgt. Jessica Dunn (six years);

Staff Sgt. Michael Amos, (four years) 355th Mission Support Squadron

Senior Airman Glenn Cruz (four years);

Senior Airman Reagan Breitkreitz (four years);

355th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Patrick Schultz (four years);

Staff Sgt. Scott Clark (six years);

Tech. Sgt. Tyrone Patterson (three years)

355th Operations Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Robert Hopkins (five years)

355th Services Squadron

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Davis (six years); Senior Airman Steven Martinez (six years)

355th Supply Squadron

Senior Airman Travis McPherson (four years);

Tech. Sgt. John Mathews (three years);

Tech. Sgt. Amarilis Reyesbox (four years)

355th Training Squadron

Master Sgt. Wayne Holman (four years)

355th Transportation Squadron

Senior Airman John Tigner (six years);

Staff Sgt. Timothy Otto (five years)

357th Fighter Squadron

Master Sgt. Eric Jiran (four years);

Senior Airman Bryan Gizinski (six years);

Staff Sgt. Jeanette Gunn (four years); Staff Sgt. Ralph Betts (four years);

Staff Sgt. Gernard Prince (six years)

358th Fighter Squadron

Master Sgt. Kelly Williamson (two years)

612th Air Intelligence Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kacy Ellsworth (six years);

**612th Combat Operations Squadron** 

Tech. Sgt. Darvin Jones (three years);

Master Sgt. Jay Cooper (four years)

612th Combat Plans Squadron

Senior Airman Sammi Hallmon (four years)

612th Communications Systems Squadron

Senior Airman Antoan Lee (four years)

612th Air Base Squadron

Senior Airman Jermaine Dean (six years);

Staff Sgt. Jose Ayala (five years);

Tech. Sgt. Abdurraheem Assiddiq (four years);

Tech. Sgt. Lloyd Callaway (two years);

Tech. Sgt. Vincent Palomba (four years); and

Tech. Sgt. Susan Emerson (four years)

## Photo award

Senior Airman Amy Kunkel, 355th Communication Squadron photographer, won second place in the 2000 Air Force Media Contest. Her photograph of Staff Sgt. Guy Deshnea, 355th Security Forces Squadron (right), earned runner-up honors in the stand-alone photo category.



## 12th AF names best performers

The Twelfth Air Force Outstanding Performers of the Year winners are:

Airman, Airman 1st Class Scott Guinn, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.; NCO, Tech. Sgt. Steven Jones, 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.; Senior NCO, Senior Master Sgt. Monte Schoffstall, 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan; First sergeant, Senior Master Sgt. Kelly Martin, 820th Red Horse Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.; Civilian, Sue Belt, 366th Wing, Mt. Home Air Force Base, Idaho; Company grade officer, Capt. Stephen Goodman, 9th Refueling Wing, Beale Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

#### **D-M NCOs retire**

Congratulations are extended to the following retirees and their families for their dedication and achievements in the service of the United States and the Air Force. The retirees and their dates of retirement are:

Master Sgt. Jeffery Harder, 12th Air Force; Tech. Sgt. Joseph Bowen, 355th Wing; Tech. Sgt. William Pinkerton, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Craig Johnson, 41st ECS; Master Sgt. Douglas Edwards, 354th Fighter Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Michael Black, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron; 355th Communications Squadron; Master Sgt. Rodney Neal, 355th Communications Squadron; Master Sgt. Douglas McKinney, 355th Component Repair Squadron; Master Sgt. James Miller, 355th Dental Squadron; Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Perry, 355th EMS; Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Miller, 355th Mission Support Squadron; Master Sgt. Gary Parker, 355th medical Operations Squadron; Master Sgt. George Smith, 355th Supply Squadron; Master Sgt. Arlo Ogden, 357th Fighter Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Pike Robinson, 358th FS; Senior Master Sgt. Gene Lodwick, 371st Field Training Squadron; Chief Master Sgt. Michael Erickson, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron; Chief Master Sgt. Michael Smith, 612th Air Support Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Robert Martin, 612th Communications Systems Squadron.

## Chiefs name 'sharp' troops

The following people are the February Chief's Group Sharp Award winners:

Airman Tiffany Gonzalez, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron; Airman 1st Class Arwin Calix, 612th COS; Airman 1st Class Rhonda Howard, 355th Mission Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Elisia Baker, 355th Aerospace Medical Squadron; Airman 1st Class Michael Mercurio, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron; Airman 1st Class Nicole Westbrook, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron; Senior Airman Bradley Swoape, 355th Security Forces Squadron; Senior Airman Rachel Clark, 355th Wing; Staff Sgt. Michelle Cathey, 612th Air Communications Squadron; and Staff Sgt. Pamela Blueford, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron.

## Students top-off tuition with 'Top Up' funds

**By Tech. Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson** *Public Affairs* 

In an effort aimed at increasing recruiting and retention in the military services, Public Law 106-398, part of the National Defense Authorization Act signed in October, now allows military members to use the Montgomery G.I. Bill in conjunction with tuition assistance.

The new program, called Top-Up, is a quality-of-life improvement that can help active-duty airmen who are eligible for the Montogomery G.I. Bill pursue their education at virtually no tuition cost.

"No matter how you look at it, this is a great deal for all active-duty Air Force members," said Tom Hawthorne, Air Force Personnel Center education services automation chief. "For those serious about their education, the return from the Top-Up program can't be measured in money. It's a win-win situation for the Air Force and its people."

Eligibility for the program also includes people who converted to the MGIB from the Veterans Educational Assistance Program and have paid their \$2,700 contribution.

Benefits of the program cover courses that began on or after Oct. 30 and provides students with up to 36 months of payments. These payments do not effect the 36 months of MGIB benefits, however, payments are borrowed against future MGIB benefits.

"If a student claims 24 months of Top-Up while on active duty and, after separating from the service, enters school, they are still eligible for the full 36 months of MGIB benefits," said Jim Sweizer, Air Force voluntary education branch chief.

Future monthly benefits are reduced by the amount of Top-Up dollars claimed divided by 36. As an example, a student who receives \$360 in Top-Up payments would receive \$640 per month while using their G.I. Bill after separating from active duty instead of the current rate of \$650 per month.

Payments from the Top-Up program depend on course length.

"The process for receiving (Top-Up) payments is simple," said Staff Sgt. Jennifer Ellis, 355th Services Squadron mortuary affairs NCO in charge. "When you register for classes, you pay your 25 percent of the tuition and pick up a tuition assistance forms from the education center. You mail in the application along with the TA forms and a few weeks later you receive a reimbursement check in the mail."

Call the education office at 8-3813 for more information on the Top-Up program.

## **Future Force**

355th Wing (year to date)

Recruiting events: 116 Referrals: 280

Local recruiter goals (year to date)
Goal: 120
Enlistees: 93



Call or see your first sergeant or visit the Air Force Web site at <a href="www.airforce.com">www.airforce.com</a> for more information on how you can help the wing achieve its recruiting goals.

## Cops

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ditions and security flights working extended hours to provide security for the show during increased threat conditions ... "we had zero air show related incidents and the traffic flow and base security was flawless throughout," said Master Sgt. Voltz, air show security coordinator.

- ◆ Taking home multiple K-9 awards at both local and national level competitions.
- ◆ Training by the squadron mobility section, which puts SFS members through an intense six-day localized training course. While there, trainees practice air base defense skills including land navigation, tactical communication, patrolling, individual and team tactics, squadron operations in a tactical environment and physical training.
- ◆ Training SFS people on the newest police related equipment, local police departments provide instruction at no cost to the unit.
- ♦ Winning the Best Force Protection/Anti-Terrorism Unit Award for ACC. The section led by Master Sgt. Ronald Hoover, is now competing at the Department of Defense level.
  - ♦ Winning the 2000 Verne Orr Unit Award.
- ◆ Renovating their facilities, the obstacle course and the M-60 range through numerous self-help projects are just some of the squadron's achievements in 2000.

"Not a day goes by that this group doesn't demonstrate that they are the best of the best," said Master Sgt. John McCormick, 355th SFS, installation security NCO in charge.

Besides a long list of achievements this year, the squadron also had many fist-time

challenges in 2000, and met each head on.

They were the first security forces squadron to deploy with the Aerospace Expeditionary Force. "We pride ourselves on having the best trained troops ready to meet any global force protection mission at a moments notice," said Chief Master Sgt. Paul Ceciliani, 355th SFS manager.

They were also the first to deploy to Manta, Ecuador to establish a ground up force protection for counter drug operations. "The 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander knew he needed the 'best of the best' to establish security at this location and he called upon the 355th Security Forces Squadron ... and we made it happen," said Lt. Col. Myron Freeman, 355th SFS commander.

The one thing that sets this squadron apart from the rest and ensures their success when facing these challenges is the faith that their leaders have in their people and the empowerment they allow.

"From our youngest airman to our chief ... our airmen know their supervisors trust them, and they all know that I trust their knowledge, judgment and experience to take care of our people and the mission," Freeman said.

The squadron leaders not only empower their people but they also ensure that their people are taken care of. Even though this squadron is the highest tasked security forces squadron in ACC, they still strive to keep shifts to eight hours, conduct monthly promotions, hail and farewells and recognition functions.

"We have handed out more commander level recognition in the last year than I have seen in my 16 years of service," McCormick said.

The Air Force level winner is announced in mid-April.

## Desert Lightning Channel Schedule

Desert Lightning Daytime Schedule (7 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

:00 - Base Announcements

:15 - AF TV News

:00 - Base Announcements

Desert Lightning Nighttime Schedule (4 p.m. to 7 a.m.)
:00 Base Announcements
:15 AF TV News
:45 - Gen. Jumper's visit to D-M
(45 minutes)
(Nighttime Schedule will then recycle)

For questions about the programming on the Desert Lightning Channel, Cox Communications Channel 75, call 8-3204.



## 'Celebrating Women of Courage and Vision'

The theme for National Women's History Month, March 2001 - "Celebrating Women of Courage and Vision" - emphasizes the joy in recognizing women's accomplishments. By honoring women's courage and vision, we set a standard for ourselves and provide a beacon of inspiration for future generations.

The six women being honored by the National Women's History project this year were chosen from a wide range of women whose lives and work exemplify both courage and vision. They share the special quality of fearless tenacity, which has made them role models for all of us.

One of the honorees is **LaDonna Harris** (b. 1931), a political activist for social justice.

"I have to have the sun ... feel the sky...space is like a gift of wealth...a sense of spirituality may be strictly a Comanche value."

LaDonna Harris embodies her Comanche heritage and is one of the most influential, inspired, and determined Native Americans in politics. Since 1970, she has served as the president of Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO), a national multi-tribal organization devoted to developing the economic opportunities and resources of American Indians throughout the United States.

She was born on a Comanche allotment in Temple, Oklahoma to a Comanche mother and Irish-American father. The couple split up soon after her birth. She was reared by her maternal grandparents, who gave her a traditional Comanche upbringing. Harris was educated in the customs of the tribe and did not learn English until she started school. In 1949 she graduated high school, and married Fred Harris, who was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in the early 1960s. On the campaign trail and as wife of a state senator, LaDonna developed influential contacts and political savvy to help improve the lives of Native Americans in her own state. In 1965, she organized a meeting of representatives of sixty tribes in Oklahoma to address the needs of overcoming discrimination and poverty. In 1970, Harris founded Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity, the first intertribal organization in the state.

Gaining political momentum, she was able to work for the rights of Native Americans, children and the mentally ill. She served on a wide range of committees such as the National Rural Housing Conference and the National Association of Mental Health. In 1967, Harris was invited by Lyndon Johnson to chair the National Women's Advisory Council of the War on Poverty. She was also asked to join the National Council of Indian Opportunity, but once the Nixon administration was in place, her work seemed blocked by the bureaucracy of Washington. She resigned and in 1970 founded Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO).

While president of AIO, Harris devotes time to a wide variety of interests including being a representative of the Inter-American Indigenous Institute and traveling around the world to study native populations on other continents. She was appointed to the U. S. Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year by President Gerald Ford.

During the Carter years, Harris advised the Office for Economic Opportunity, and worked with the Council for Energy Resources Tribes, monitoring and advising tribes regarding the development of mineral and other natural re-

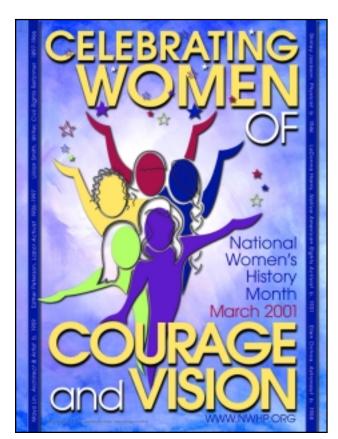
sources on their lands.

The Harris's relocated to New Mexico in 1976 after former Senator Fred Harris made an unsuccessful bid for the Democratic candidacy for President. LaDonna reestablished AIO in her new home before running her own national campaign for Vice-President with the Citizen's Party in 1980. In recent years. Harris has expanded the AIO to meet current needs of Native American groups such as the "American Indian Ambassadors" program, which provides oneyear fellowships for Native American students.

The participants are instructed in tribal values and modes of government and sent to foreign countries where they can observe other indigenous governmental systems first hand. Harris believes... "In today's changing world, it is time for Native Americans to define ourselves...and what kind of new leaders we need for the 21st Century."

Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson (b. 1946) Physicist

"One wants to be recognized in **See Women Page 7** 



## Women

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one's own field by other scientists, but I also want to have an impact on young people."

Shirley Jackson, a theoretical physicist, has spent her career researching and teaching about particle physics, using theories and mathematics to predict the existence of subatomic particles and the forces that bind them together. She has so many 'firsts' attached to her name that she seems to naturally break through all boundaries and succeed.

When she was a young girl, Shirley's mother, Beatrice would read the biography of Benjamin Banneker to her. Banneker was a free African American scientist and mathematician in the 1700s who helped survey the land, plan the streets, and select building sites of Jackson's hometown, Washington, D.C. Her father, George, spurred Jackson's interest in science by helping her with class projects.

She chose to attend MIT, and physics opened the world to her. Yet, she felt lonely because she was one of only a few black students. Students treated her differently and some faculty tried to discourage her interest in physics. While in school, she volunteered in the pediatric ward at Boston City Hospital which helped "keep things in perspective."

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1968 and continued at MIT to study for her Master's Degree. To encourage more African American to attend MIT, she co-founded the Black Student Union (BSU). When the BSU enacted a Task Force on Educational Opportunity and wrote to MIT's president, the school began a conscious effort to recruit minority students.

In 1973, Jackson became the first African American woman to receive a Doctoral Degree from MIT. She started working at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Illinois and studied medium to large subatomic particles. She was a visiting scientist at the accelerator lab at the European Center for Nuclear Research in Switzerland and studied theories of strongly interacting elementary particles. She also lectured at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center and became a visiting scientist at the Aspen Center for Physics.

Dr. Jackson joined the Theoretical Physics Research Department at AT&T Bell Laboratories in 1976 to develop new advances in telecommunications. She investigated the electronic and optical properties of certain material that can carry much more electrical current than existing technology. She served as a member of the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology from 1985 to 1995.

In 1991, Dr. Jackson became a professor of physics at Rutgers University. She said that in her new position and being a Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff of the Optical Research Physics Department, she has the "best of both worlds."

President Clinton named her to chair the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 1995. She spearheaded the formation of International Nuclear Regulators Association in 1997, a forum for officials to examine issues and offer assistance to other nations on matters of nuclear safety. Her latest historic achievement came in 1999 when she became president of one of the nation's oldest science and engineering research universities, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. (Courtesy the Federal Women's Program)

## Follow four basic steps for success in today's Air Force

By Chief Master Sgt. Robert Koltanowski 355th Logistics Group

Lately, I've read a lot of articles written on getting back to the basics. I'd like to share with you my thoughts on what I believe the basics of being successful in today's Air Force are and how following these simple guidelines will help make your career a prosperous one.

Step one: Wear your uniform with pride. Air Force Instruction 36-2903 and the new base supplement spell out the requirements for proper fit and wear of the uniform; this includes proper wear of headgear and sunglasses. I emphasize headgear and sunglasses since they're pet peeves of mine and it appears to be more of a problem here in sunny Arizona.

Although the instruction spells out the requirements, they are just the basics. Why not go a step further and make that little extra effort to look really sharp? Having creases in your uniform shirt/ trousers and shining your shoes/ boots will not only make you look sharp, but you'll also present a very professional military image.

We should also be proud of the fact that we can wear a represen-



Where are 355th Wing members serving? This time last year, **350** members of the 355th Wing were deployed.

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Koltanowski (left) and Staff Sgt. James Woolfolk discuss parts on a frequency tracker. Woolfolk is an avionics guidance control technician for the 355th Component Repair Squadron.

tation of our Nation's flag on our sleeves, and take care of our uniforms.

Looking sharp will get you noticed by everyone. Although you might not realize it and others may not say anything, people do take note of your appearance. Even people you don't know, will

think, "Now there goes one sharp airman/NCO." If you look good, you'll feel good. You'll walk with pride and be noticed as a profes-

Step two: Arrive at work on time. Sounds simple because it is. Too many times, we cut it close and arrive right at the

designated time or just a minute or two after. A good rule of thumb is to plan on showing up 10 to 15 minutes early; this includes appointments as well.

Leaving early allows for the unexpected, like getting caught at the gate for a security check, or fixing a flat tire on the way.

I've spoken to quite a few civilian employers downtown, and they tell me tardiness at work is one of their biggest problems. Don't be the problem; get to work on time and be ready to start working when you arrive. This shows initiative.

Step three: Don't give your supervisor any grief (reasons to think of you in any other way but positive).

This means don't be a problem child. If you're doing stupid stuff like getting into trouble for major or minor offenses, you're bringing the wrong kind of attention to yourself.

If you're coming to work late, bouncing checks, drinking underage, providing alcohol to underaged members, or not paying your government travel card bill ... we have a problem.

I say "we" because we are an Air Force team and we work together

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**Deployed** (by group):

355 OG - 89

355 LG - 68 355 SPTG - 45

355 MDG - 1

355 WG - 13

DET 3 - 1

#### Welcome to Davis-Monthan

**Col. Lafae Johnson, Chief, Force Protection,** Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

#### Col. Larry Magnuson, Commander, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps - Southwest North Region America: 133 Chief Master Sgt. Earl Gillis, Force Protection Integrated Support Team, Lackland AFB, Texas South America: **355th Wing Flying Goals** AEF 3/4 (Apr-Jun): 354th 357th 358th 42 42nd 43rd Sorties Hours AEF 1 (Jan-Mar): ACCS **ECS** Goal 438 355 240 444 Total: 217 186 134 202 Flown 139 200 Delta 12 -15 355th Mission Support Squadron Other locations -- 1 FY 2001 62 159 13 Current as of Monday Personnel Readiness Unit Current as of Wednesday



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#### By Senior Master Sgt. Donna Coleman

355th Medical Group First Sergeant

During the summer of 1999, while deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, I took a trip with fellow squadron members to the Kuwaiti Missing and Prison of War (M & POW) Committee headquarters.

It was a profound experience that has stayed with me a long time.

I didn't know much about the country or its people prior to my deployment and I wanted to know more, so I thought a trip to the M & POW building would be interesting.

I didn't realize that the committee headquarters also served as the museum.

I met a wonderful young woman named Hiba Salmeen who served as our main tour guide and shared her personal experiences with us.

Hiba was 18 years old on the morning of the Iraqi invasion, preparing for a friend's wedding when the Iraqi tanks rolled down the street in front of her father's

## Visit to Kuwaiti Missing, Prisoner of War museum a profound experience

Her recollections were so vivid I could almost imagine being there myself.

She told me that at first people were unsure of what was happening and didn't realize it was an invasion.

They had no way to defend themselves and, as we all know, were forced to surrender almost immediately.

The rest is history.

As Hiba showed us around the museum we were exposed to larger than life-size pictures of the war's events and the people who had lost loved ones.

In one part of the museum is a wall with 605 pictures and a metal gate enclosing the pictures to represent a prison.

There are still 605 people from

Kuwait unaccounted for who are believed to be in Iraqi prisons or dead.

That doesn't sound like very many people, but let me put it in perspective for you.

The same percentage based on population ratios would be 60,000 Egyptians, 250,000 Americans, 660,000 Europeans, or 1,120,000 Chinese.

Of the 605 people taken prisoner, the majority were civilian students, most of the military prisoners were arrested off duty in civilian clothes, seven were women, and 22 were elderly citizens.

Every one of these people left behind grieving family members who still wait for their safe return, or at least word of their final fate. Many of the children of the missing know their fathers only through family photos because they were babies when their fathers were dragged away by the Iragis.

The pictures I saw told the story of anguished mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, and children who needed answers.

I walked away from my visit with a better understanding of what those first few days of the Iraqi invasion in 1990 must have been like for those who survived it.

I also learned from Hiba that the Kuwaiti citizens truly love us and appreciate our presence in their country.

They admire the willingness of the men and women of America's armed forces to put ourselves on the line so they never ever have to go through that terrible experience again.

Meeting and talking with Hiba that day made me stand taller and feel pride in what we stand for, something we sometimes lose sight of day to day.

It's great to be an American serving my country in the United States Air Force.

## **Steps**

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to solve these problems. Problems cause your supervisors to take time away from caring for their people and taking care of the mission. Often, supervisors spend 80 percent of their time on 20 percent of the people. Don't be that problem child. Stay out of trouble and you'll be a superstar.

Finally, Basic Step Four: When you're at work, do your job and do the best job you possi-

bly can. Learn all you can, seek out information, apply that new knowledge, be the expert.

Too many times we start looking over our shoulders to see what everyone else is or is not doing.

When we see others slacking off, we get an attitude and start believing we're the only ones working.

Even if it appears to be true, don't let it distract you. You're being paid to do a job ... so,

do your job to the best of your ability and don't worry about what everyone else is doing. Get the job done right the first time and your supervisor will be glad to recognize you for it.

By applying the four basic steps of wearing your uniform with pride, coming to work on time, not giving your supervisor grief and doing the best possible job you can while you're at work, you will be an Air Force professional, winner and superstar. The rest is up to you.

## Health Focus

# Preventing poisonings in the home

By Maj. Karl Ott

355th Medical Support Squadron

National Poison Prevention Week begins Monday.

Below are some simple precautions parents can take to protect children and pets as well as help prevent accidental poisonings at home.

- ◆ Post the telephone number for your poison control center near your phone, in a place where all family members will be able to find it quickly in an emergency.
- ◆ Remove all nonessential drugs and household products from your home. Discard them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- ◆ If you have small children, avoid keeping highly toxic products, such as drain cleaners, in the home, garage, shed or other place children can access.
- ♦ Buy medicines and household products in child-resistant packaging and be sure that caps are always on tight. Don't remove child-safety caps. Avoid keeping medicines, vitamins, or household products in anything but their original packaging.
- ♦ Store all of your medicines and household products in a locked closet or cabinetincluding products and medicines with childresistant containers.
- ◆ Crawl around your house, including inside your closets, to inspect it from a child's point of view. You're likely find a poisoning hazard you hadn't noticed before.
- ◆ Never refer to medicine or vitamins as "candy."
- ◆ Make sure visiting grandparents, family, friends, or other caregivers keep their medications away from children. For example, if Grandma keeps medications in her purse, make sure the purse is out of children's reach.
- ♦ Keep a bottle of syrup of ipecac in your home—this can be used to induce vomiting. Use

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it only when the poison control center tells you to.

- ♦ Avoid products such as cough syrup or mouthwashes that contain alcohol -- these are hazardous for young children. Look for alcoholfree alternatives.
- ◆ Keep cosmetics and beauty products out of children's reach. Remember that hair permanents and relaxers are toxins as well.

#### **Carbon Monoxide poisoning**

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, poisonous gas that can cause sickness and death.

The gas is produced by the incomplete burning of fuels such as natural gas, oil, kerosene, coal and wood.

Fuel-burning appliances that are not working properly or are installed incorrectly can produce fatal concentrations of carbon monoxide in your home.

Other hazards include burning charcoal indoors and running a car in the garage, both of which can lead to dangerous levels of CO in your home.

Every year, more than 200 Americans die from CO produced by fuel-burning appliances, and several thousand go to emergency rooms for treatment for CO poisoning.

You can prevent carbon monoxide poisonings

in your home by following a few simple tips.
Install carbon monoxide alarms near bedrooms and on each floor of your home.

If your alarm sounds, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission suggests that you press the reset button, call emergency services (911 or your local fire department), and immediately move to fresh air (either outdoors or near an open door or window).

If you learn that fuel-burning appliances were the most likely cause of the poisoning, have a serviceperson check them for malfunction before turning them back on.

Refer to the instructions on your CO alarm for more specific information about what to do if your alarm goes off.

Symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, minus the fever (headache, fatigue, nausea, dizziness, shortness of breath).

If you experience any of these symptoms, get fresh air immediately and contact a physician for proper diagnosis.

Also, open windows and doors, turn off combustible appliances, contact emergency services, and take the steps listed above to ensure your home's safety.

To keep carbon monoxide from collecting in your home, make sure that any fuel-burning equipment, such as a furnace, stove, or heater, works properly, and never use charcoal or other grills indoors or in the garage.

Do not leave your car's engine running while it's in the garage, and consider putting weather stripping around the door between the garage and the house.

The Poison Control Center telephone numbers for Arizona are (800) 632-0101 and (520) 626-6016.

The Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center receives 200 to 250 calls each day for information and assistance.

In 1997, APDIC received 63,056 telephone calls.

This is a true story that I have chosen to write to help my fellow airmen make a decision that comes up quite often in a young airman's career. It contains three choices:

- 1. The choice to drink
- 2. The choice to drink underage
- 3. The choice to drive afterwards.

I feel that I know a lot about this dilemma because I've experienced it personally.

First, let me explain why I call it a dilemma. When I looked up the definition of dilemma, I boiled it down in my head to, "A problem that you can't find an answer to, and it eats away at you mentally because no matter what the situation is, it's always in the back of your head."

My dilemma started not too long ago, about mid-1999. My friend invited me to a little party before she left for her new duty station. So, I decided to go. Within five minutes after I arrived, I was already offered a drink. Being underage, I had to think about it for a minute. And of course, I made the usual blunder and began getting intoxicated. After a couple of hours I became tired and sick, and just wanted to go home. I had

# A lot of opportunity for one night of fun

to be at work in about five hours. So, one of my so-called friends let me get in my truck and he followed me back to the base. I don't know how many people have ever tried this, but driving through a major city at three in the morning with cops left and right, makes you pretty jittery. But I made it back to base without getting pulled over.

As I pulled up to the gate, I thought that I could out-smart the security forces member by lighting up a cigarette to cover up the smell. It turned out that he wasn't as dumb as I thought he was. Busted!

That was the only thing going through my head at this point in time. The gate guard pulled me over and did the usual cop tests. I failed. I had a little more than I thought I did. My alcohol level was .08. I was taken into custody and processed. We'll just say that at this point, I wasn't having the best

time of my life.

Now we move forward in time to when I met the commander.

I'll just say that wasn't too much fun either. He looked at my case and came to his decision on my punishment.

The punishment won't sound too pleasing, but trust me. I got off lucky — Article 15, suspended reduction in rank, 30 days confinement to base, and a \$200 fine.

But I think the hardest part of the whole thing is when I had to call my parents and tell them that I would be spending the next two days under mental evaluation for underage drinking and driving. Trust me it wasn't worth it.

Now you should be able to tell from the title of my story that I missed out on quite a few opportunities from this one mistake.

Just a few examples of what I've missed:

I had been selected for an

airman assignment at the Air Force Academy — I lost the slot. They wouldn't let me stay at the base I was at because they didn't want me. I also missed out on about three or four swaps with others because nobody wanted to have a problem child in their organization. If you think you've ever felt low, try being told that no one wants you. I'm also not eligible for senior airman belowthe-zone, the clock will be restarted on an Air Force Good Conduct medal and there will be no medal for this tour of duty.

What I want everybody to learn from this is, if you make a bad choice you will have to suffer the consequences.

But don't let that bring you down. Learn from your experiences. Let these situations be your motivation to better yourself and your surroundings. I can guarantee that you will never forget it. Every morning when I put on my uniform it is a reminder that today is my chance to make up for my mistakes. So if you do by chance screw-up along the way, just remember to rise up and show everyone what you're made of. (Anonymously submitted by a Davis-Monthan Air Force Base member)

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# Retention Should I stay or should I go?

(Editor's note: The following was originally written by an airman assigned to Beale Air Force Base, Calif.)

I am an airman in the United States Air Force.

I make fairly decent money for someone my age with no college education.

I have my medical and dental insurance completely paid for.

My room on base is completely furnished, and I don't have to pay for the water or electricity.

The educational benefits are out of this world. How many people do you know that would turn down 75-percent tuition assistance and almost \$15,000 for college?

I get all these things for as long as I continue my service to my country.

What more could I possibly ask for? I basically have a free ride for the rest of my career.

But will I stay in?

Probably not.

Lately all I hear from the NCOs in my squadron is shouts of "Retention, retention, retention."

They sit in long meetings with each other and quarrel about how to keep people like me in the service.

They offer money they can't afford to spend on people who probably don't deserve this job anyway.

"We need more people!"

I can understand that. I have one of the most stressful jobs in the Air Force.

Sometimes I wish I could grow a few more sets of arms to get the job done.

My job isn't my problem though.

I like my job. I like the people I work with. I even like the high stress. That isn't my problem.

My problem is that when I look at where I'm at and where I'm going, I don't like what I see.

I'm treated like a child here. I under-

stand the need for Career Development Course and Computer Based Trainings and Enlisted Performance Ratings and the countless other acronyms.

I'm not stupid.

However, I'm constantly being coddled and cushioned and made to feel inferior.

And even if that weren't true, when I do a good job, no one cares.

I could move the stars and reform mountains, all any one seems to notice is the fact that I missed a spot. Of course I'm just an airman ... I don't know any better.

Everyday, I see my higher up's being recognized for doing their job and doing it well while equally able lower enlisted men are constantly berated for one small mistake made.

Not just in my career field, but in all career fields. We work so hard for one word of praise and we receive none.

Why be punished for doing your best when you can get out and get on with your life? And probably make better money at it.

Yet the NCOs don't see it this way. All they see is the dollar signs on the outside that have seemingly caught our attention.

We don't see money.

We see freedom.

We see self-decision.

We see adulthood. And we want what is rightfully ours. Not to say that this problem can't be fixed. All it takes is two simple words ... "Good job." (Air Force Print News)





## Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

Name: Airman 1st Class Christian Schut Organization: 355th Training Squadron

**Duty title:** Information Manager **Hometown:** Sunnyside, Wash.

Years of service: Two

Why did you join the Air Force: To serve my country and to travel Main responsibilities: Manage the administrative support for A/OA-10 initial and upgrade academic training. Prepare and track all documentation on students and coordinate documentation with the three A-10 squadrons. Manage, maintain, assemble and issue more than 900 various technical and training materials annually.

**Best aspects of your job:** Working with my boss and meeting new students every day.

Career goals: To become a certified personal trainer Hobbies/outside activities: Weightlifting and hunting What do you like best about D-M: The year-round warm weather What has been your best assignment; why: D-M is my first assignment.

Who inspires you; why: My wife ... she is always there for me when I need her, and she always gives me the motivation I need to get through the day.

## Tax tips

(Editor's note: As the federal income tax filing deadline nears, the Desert Airman will run articles to help people with tax-related questions. The articles are provided as a public service by ARAContent.com and printed with the permission of the publisher. The last article in this series will be published April 13.)

## Child tax credit to benefit some parents again this tax season

Your children may be worth more than you realize

Depending on your income and if you have at least one qualifying child - you may be able to take the Child Tax Credit of up to \$500 for each qualifying child on your 2000 federal income tax return.

This means you can reduce your tax by up to \$500 for each child. Better yet, this credit is in



## Korean War remembered



[Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (through the next two years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman is chronicling the signifi-

cant events.] The following significant Air Force events occurred during this week in 1951:

**March 16:** Far East Air Forces flew 1,123 effective sorties, a new daily record.

March 17: An F-80, flown by Lt. Howard Landry of the 36th Fighter Bomber Squadron, collided with a MiG-15. Both went down with their pilots. Fifth Air Force lost no other aircraft in aerial encounters during the month.

**March 20:** Fifteen F-94B all-weather jet fighters arrived in the Far East for eventual service as night escorts for B-29s.

addition to the Child and Dependent Care Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

What constitutes a "qualifying child?" Quite simply, a qualifying child is a child who is claimed as your dependent, was under age 17 at the end of 2000, is a United States citizen or resident alien, and is your son, daughter, adopted child, grandchild, stepchild, or foster child.

The more children you have, the better the tax credit may work for you.

If you have one or two children, you can use the credit to reduce the tax you owe to zero, but you will not receive any remainder as a refund (nonrefundable). If you have three or more children, however, you may qualify for the additional Child Tax Credit, which is refundable.

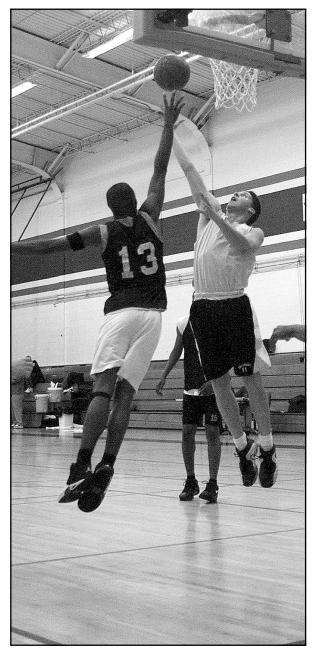
As with all good things, there are certain

restrictions in that the amount of the Child Tax Credit that you claim depends on your income.

While the value of the credit is \$500 per qualifying child, the total credit is reduced by \$50 for each \$1,000 (or part thereof) that your adjusted gross income exceeds \$110,000 for joint filers, \$75,000 for single filers, and \$55,000 for married filing separately.

But any way you look at it, the Child Tax Credit helps put money back into your wallet, where you need it the most ... for food, clothes, school supplies, etc.

For more information on the Child Tax Credit, see the instructions for Form 1040 or Form 1040A. Also, you can download Publication 972, Child Tax Credit, on the IRS Web site at <a href="https://www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a>, or ask for a free copy of the publication when you call the IRS toll-free at





Photos by Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

#### Battle on the court

(Above) Members of the D-M and Fort Huachuca, Ariz., basketball teams battle it out on the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center basketball court Saturday. D-M's three all-star teams and the team from Fort Huachuca went head to head in a round-robin format. When the dust settled, the Tuesday-Thursday All-Stars emerged victorious, winning all three of their games. (Left) Adam Brownley (right) fights for a rebound against a Fort Huachuca player during the action Saturday at the Fitness Center.

## Scoreboard

#### Basketball

Over-30

(FINAL STANDINGS) SVS SFS 14-1 11-4 CES 11-4 MSS 10-5 LSS 10-5 12 AF SUPS 10-5 43 ECS 8-7 42 ACCS CS 25 OWS 6-8 6-9 MDG 6-9 4-10 OSS 41 ECS 4-11 2-13

#### **Bowling** Intramural -

American (Week 22)

<u>leam</u>	<u>W-L</u>
MDG #2	115-53
41 ECS #2	106-
62	
42 ACCS #2	100-
68	
MDG #1	96-72
CONS	92-76
41 ECS #1	87-81

80-88 42 ACCS #1 80-88 43 ECS High Scratch Game (Team): 41 ECS #1, 874 High Scratch Series (Team): 41 ECS #1, 2538 High Scratch Game (Men): Donald Karstetter, 267 High Scratch Series (Men): Donald Karstetter, 646 High Scratch Game (Women): D. Patterson, 170 **High Scratch Series** (Women): D. Patterson, 439

#### Intramural -**National**

(Week 22) Team 12 AF #1 93-75 AMARC 93-75 AMMO MSS 87-81 SUPS 86-82 CRS 86-82 12 AF #3 82-86 COMM 80-88 25 OWS 74-94 **TRANS** 358th 106

High Scratch Game (Team): AMARC, 1107 High Scratch Series (Team): AMARC, 2945

High Scratch Game (Men): Billy Davidson, 288 High Scratch Series (Men): Billy Davidson, 724 High Scratch Game (Women): P. Trezevant, 184 High Scratch Series (Women): P. Trezevant, 483

#### **Tuesday Early** Risers

(Week 20)

Team Hit & Miss W-I 96-64 The Monarchs 94-66 OUI 3 94-66 Ally Kats 80-80 Hot Cats Dream Catchers 72-88 Wee Bee Bad 71-89 Soon's Runway 56-104 High Scratch Game (Team): Hit & Miss. 515 High Scratch Series (Team): Hit & Miss, 1391 High Scratch Game: Arlene Cook, 203 High Scratch Series: Margot Schoell 485

#### Phantom Mixed

(Week 17)

W-L Team 91-45 Strike Force 88-48 84-52 So So's Lucky Seven

Strikebusters 80-56 The Dizzy Four 74-62 Alley Oops 69-67 Sweet Revenge 58-78 Avengers 58-78 55-81 Rat Pack 46-90

#### **OWC** (Week 18)

W-L **Team** Lady Flyers 106-38 KIDDS 82-62 82-62 Covotes Splitsters 76-68 The Eastsiders 76-68 Alley Cats 70-74 Snuffers 70-74 High Scratch Game: Dru Dickensheet, 181 High Scratch Series: Donata Oliver 515

#### **D-M Pinrollers**

(Week 20)

Team W-L The Dream Catchers 114-82 Uh Huh Girls 106-50 Team 5 87-73 Pick One Annie's Girls 85-75 PBJs 83-77 L-A-D-Y 80-80 Team 6 79-81 Four Seas Kachina Dolls 62-90 High Scratch Game (Team): Uh Huh Girls, 662 Cool Cs High Scratch Series (Team): Uh Huh Girls, 1930 High Scratch Game: Mary Stennis, 208 Pintendos High Scratch Series: Georgia

Barnes, 527

#### **CE Mixed** (Week 17)

<u>Team</u> BJs' Bunns Good Bad & Ugly 7-5 7-5 Just 4 Fun 7-5 6-6 Fire Dawgs MILF's 5-7 The Cans HVAC 5-7 5-7 **Brew Crew** Now N Then Old Timers High Scratch Game (Men): Matt Lundh, 257 High Scratch Series (Men): Matt Lundh, 662 High Scratch Game (Women): Gail Johnson, 179 High Scratch Series (Women): Gail Johnson, 486

#### Thursday Night

(Week 20) The Prickly Pairs 104-56 92-68 Mission Impossible Desert Strikers 88-72 Lickity Splits 87-73 Road Runners 80-80 76-84 Nice-N-Spicy 68-92 Ice Breakers 68-92 **Bucks-N-Does** 

High Scratch Game (Team): PBJs, 761 High Scratch Series (Team): PBJs. 2091 High Scratch Game (Men): Ed Carder, 246 High Scratch Series (Men) Ed Carder, 677 High Scratch Game (Women): Patti Secor, 190 High Scratch Series (Women): Val Schreiterer,

#### Friday Nite Fun (Week 19)

Team

W-I

Wannabees 100-44 3 Roses & Thorn 86-58 Double Trouble 85-59 AAFES 82-62 The Misfits Just Us 80-64 Just Havin' Fun 72-64 More BS 65-79 Gutter Dusters 65-79 O Spare Us 62-82 Kum Cantasi High Scratch Game (Team): Double Trouble, 738 High Scratch Series (Team): Double Trouble, 2123 High Scratch Game (Men): Tom Lorentz, 244 High Scratch Series (Men): Bil Croxton, 653 High Scratch Game (Women): Reda Lowe, 221 High Scratch Series

(Women): Kari Snyder, 537

#### **Bantams**

Team

The Dragons Tigers N Sync 88-40 High Handicap Game (Team): N Sync, 739

High Scratch Series (Team): Dragons, 703 High Handicap Series (Boys): Jonathon Willis, 541 High Scratch Series (Boys): John Simon, 142 High Scratch Game (Girls): Sabrina Wayman, 79

High Scratch Series (Girls):

Alicia Jones, 235

#### Preps/Juniors/ Majors

(Week 15)				
<u>Team</u>	W-L			
The Xtremes	82-46			
Jaguars	79-49			
Alley Cats	76-52			
Undertakers	75-53			
Unlimited	73-55			
Desert Pros	72-56			
Fox Hound	62-66			
Strikers	60-68			
N Sync Fireballs	56-72			
Desert Strikers	52-76			
The Bulldogs	42-86			
Spawn	35-93			
High Scratch Game (Team):				
Desert Pros, 474				
High Scratch Series (Team):				
Snawn 1648				

## **Sports Shorts**

#### Late-night hoops

Teen basketball players, age 13 to 15, can take part in Late Night Hoops at the youth center. The eight-week program gets under way tonight; play is from 9 to 11 p.m. Fridays. Snacks and beverages will be available each week. Cost for the program is \$25 per player. Find out more by calling 8-8373.

#### Youth basketball

Youth basketball home games are Saturdays at the youth center gym. Several away games are scheduled for 13 to 15 year olds. Spectators are welcome; come cheer on your favorite team. Call Kathy Sands at 8-8373 for more information.

#### Three-on-Three tourney

Military teams have until Monday to enter the Air Combat Command Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament. Men's and women's teams (three players, one alternate) placing first in March 24 base playoffs travel to Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., for the ACC champion-ships, May 6 to 12. Gatorade sponsors the annual event. Register at the fitness center, or call 8-3714 for details.

#### Pool playoffs

Base playoffs in the Air Combat Command Swim with the Sharks 8-ball Tournament are at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Winners go to Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., April 25 to 27, for the ACC finals. Teams consist of two players; both must belong to the Desert Oasis Club. Local and ACC winners receive valuable prizes. Sponsors are Allied Domecq Spirits U.S.A., and First USA Bank. Call Wendy Decatur at the club, 748-8666, for additional information.

#### **AFAF** golf tournament

The Air Force Assistance Fund Golf Tournament is March 23 at the Blanchard Course.

The tournament format is a Texas Scramble, and prizes will be awarded for the best and worst score, closest to the pin, a hole-in-one and to the winner of the putting contest. Entry fee is \$30 per person. The entry deadline is at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. Register at the golf course, or see any of the wing's AFAF points of contact.

#### Charity golf tournament

The Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association hosts its annual charity golf tournament March 25 at the Blanchard Golf Course. Entry fee is \$50 per person and prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place scramble teams. There will also be a long drive and closest to the pin competitions. Call Kenneth Schanke at 744-4852 for more information.

#### Registration available

Online registration is now available for runners interested in participating in the fifth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon Sept. 22 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. This year, marathon officials have added the capability for Ekiden relay teams and marathon teams to register together. To register, visit the marathon Web page and click on the "register information" button. Payment is by credit card only. A relay or marathon team captain will be required to provide the total team payment on one credit card, and will also need to provide the personal information (name, address, phone, age, weight and e-mail) for all team members. Entrants who provide a valid e-mail address will receive a confirmation e-mail within two weeks of registration. Confirmation cards will be sent through the U.S. Postal Service to those registrants who do not provide a valid e-mail address. The entry deadline is Sept. 5. Registrations received after Aug. 15 may not receive a confirmation. Changes to team composition will not be made after Sept. 12. Call the U.S. Air Force Marathon office at (937) 257-4350 for more informa-

#### AFCEA Scholarship tournament

The Tucson Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Squadron

holds it annual scholarship golf tournament April 20 at Santa Rita Golf Course. The tournament format is four-person, best ball with prizes for first, second and third places. The entry fee is \$35 per person and all proceeds provide scholarships for youth and teachers in the Tucson area. Call Gilbert Hinojosa at 8-3425/0859 for more information.

#### **Desert Lightning Springfest**

April 20 to 22 are the dates for the first Desert Lightning Springfest Softball Tournament. The tournament is open to all military and Department of Defense intramural and "D" level teams.

The entry fee is \$120 for the double-elimination tournament. Call Rudy Tingelhoff at 8-2039 for more information.

#### Skeet, trap ranges open

D-M's modern skeet and trap ranges open at 8 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Military shooters pay \$3 a round; civilians pay \$3.50. Per-round savings are available for purchasers of annual range fees. Ranges are at the east end of Yuma Road, adjacent to the small arms range. Call Outdoor Recreation at 8-3736 for more information.

#### **Aerobics instructors**

Certified aerobics instructors are needed for classes at the fitness center. Openings are for both volunteer and paid instructors. Especially needed are instructors for early-morning classes. Call Jay Junsay at 8-3714 for more information.

#### Belly dancing class

A new belly dancing instructor is offering classes every Wednesday at the Fitness Center. The beginner class runs from 6:40 to 7:40 p.m. and an intermediate class runs from 7:40 to 8:40 p.m. Cost for the beginner class is \$20 per month (four sessions); cost for the intermediate class is \$30 for two months (eight sessions). Interested individuals can sign up at the Fitness Center, or call 8-3714 for more information.



#### **Chapel events**

#### Strengthen your marriage

Come to the Marriage Builders seminars sponsored by the chapel. Get information on your present or future marriage needs to survive and thrive. Seminars are from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 4859, which is next to the D-M Fire Station on Phoenix Street. Registration is recommended. Call 8-5411 for more information. Scheduled seminars are as follow:

Today Personality DifferencesMarch 23 Communication DifferencesMarch 30 Sexual Differences

**April 6** Money Differences

#### Lent and Holy Week schedule

**All Fridays of Lent**: Mass is 5 p.m., Way of the Cross is 5:30 p.m. and Meatless soup supper at Hope Chapel is 6 p.m.

**April 12 (Holy Thursday)**: Liturgy of the Last Supper is at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is from 8 to noon at Desert Dove Chapel.

**April 13 (Good Friday)**: Čelebration of the Lord's Passion is at 3 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

April 14 (Holy Saturday): Easter Vigil Mass,

Blessing of the Fire/Water, Rite of Initiation for the Catechumen is at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**April 15 (Easter Sunday)**: Easter mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.



#### On-base clubs

#### Officers' Club

**Today**: St. Paddy's Day Bash is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is scheduled.

**Saturday**: Dinner is served from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

**Sunday**: Brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Monday**: Club closes at 2 p.m. Barber is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**: Italian meatball sub for lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Wednesday**: Two-for-One Steak Night is from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

**Thursday**: No evening dining. Members are invited to dine at the Desert Oasis Club.

#### **Desert Oasis Club**

**Today**: Catfish lunch buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage dinner is

from 5 to 8 p.m. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is at 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday**: No evening dining. Members are invited to dine at the Officers' Club.

**Sunday**: Club is closed. Cabana opens at n.m.

**Monday**: Lunch is Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Tuesday**: Bingo starts at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday**: 8-ball tournament is at 6 p.m. **Thursday**: Oriental buffet dinner is from 5 to 8 p.m. 8-ball playoffs continue at 6 p.m.

#### **Easter Buffet**

Make reservations soon for the Officers' Club Easter Buffet April 15. Reservation-only seating is at 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Prepaid adult members (both clubs) are \$14.95. Children ages 5 through 12 are \$7.50, and children under 5 are free. Prices are a dollar more at the door. Eligible non-members add \$3 per person. Save a dollar by using a Services Buck. Call the club at 748-0660.

#### Kids eat free at clubs

Children, 10 and under, eat free at the Officers' and Desert Oasis Clubs. The free-dining policy applies to all lunch and dinner service (except holiday buffets), and is valid for children of club members only.



#### Youth programs

**Today**: Teen Late Night Hoops is from 9 to 11 p.m. at the Youth Center.

**Saturday**: Youth basketball is at the Youth Center. Preteen dance is tonight at the Youth Center. Call 8-8844 for more information.

**Monday**: Kids gymnastics classes are today. Call 8-8844.

**Tuesday**: Preteen/teen homework help is from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Youth Center. Preteen cooking/nutrition is from 6 to 7 p.m. Call 8-8844.

**Wednesday**: Primaries learn arts and crafts from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Call 8-8844.

**Thursday:** Preteen/teen computer class is from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. Youth basketball ends March 24. Post-season meet starts Tuesday.

#### Teen rafting trip

A great outdoor adventure for teens is June 7 through 11. The adventure is the Lower Granite Gorge Grand Canyon rafting, exciting rapids and unsurpassed smooth water floating make this a once in a lifetime trip. The trip begins at Diamond Creek Rapid and concludes at Pierce Ferry on Lake Mead. Along the way teens will brave the rapids of the Lower Granite Gorge. They will hear about the unique history, geology and biology of one of the seven natural wonders of the world. As the sun sets teens will experience some of the most powerful vistas on the planet. No MRE'S here. More than just experienced boatman trained in swiftwater rescue and wilderness medicine, your trip leaders are also expert chefs! All gear is provided. Gear includes a waterproof bag, sleeping bag, tarp, and tent if necessary. There adventure also includes food, permits and transportation. Regular trip cost is \$345.00. This exciting trip will be only \$100. Space will be limited to only 8 teens, ages 13 through 18. A non-refundable \$50.00 deposit will be required upon sign up and will only be open till March 30. Accordingly this group will participate in the planning, team building fundraisers, community service and periodic meetings. Call 8-8365 for more information.

#### Teen Aviation Camp

A second Teen Aviation Camp is offered June 3 through 9, at the U.S. Air Force Academy. The event is sponsored by the Air Force Academy and the Air Force Services Agency for high school students who will be freshmen, sophomores or juniors next year. Attendees must be eligible Youth Center users interested in exploring the Air Force Academy as a possible choice for college. Students will stay at the Air Force Academy and take part in a variety of outdoor and classroom activities. Lodging, meals and activity fees will be paid; travel costs to and from Colorado Springs are the students' responsibility. Interested teens must submit applications by April 6. A maximum of two youngsters will be sent by each major command. Final selections will be

announced at the end of April. Applications may be picked up now at the Youth Center, or call 8-8844 for details.

#### **Time for Tots**

Time for Tots is a playgroup open to parents and children ages 4 and younger. The group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel. Call 8-5690.



#### Community events

**Today**: FamCamp golf tourney is today. Call 747-9144.

**Saturday**: Visit Old Tucson with Information Tickets and Tours March 24. Call 8-3700.

**Monday**: Sign up for Saturday's 3-on-3 tourney at the Fitness Center.

**Tuesday**: Toastmasters meet at 11:30 a.m. at D-M Library. Call 8-4381.

**Thursday**: Community Center chair massages are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 8-3717.

#### Outdoor weekend extravaganza

Join the Outdoor Recreation Center for a camping, caving and hiking weekend, March 24 through 25. The first day will be spent setting up camp in Nugget Canyon, near Oracle, exploring nearby Peppersauce Cave and hiking along trails on the north side of the Catalina Mountains. Bring personal items and food for lunch, dinner and breakfast. Old clothes and a good flashlight are recommended for the trip into Peppersauce Cave. Transportation, campsite fees and camping equipment cost \$35 per person. Come to Outdoor Recreation, Building 4430, or call 8-3736 for information

#### Job openings at Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop has openings for the following positions: manager, assistant manager, bookkeeper and janitor. Interested persons can send their resume to Thrift Shop, P.O. Box 15280, Tucson, AZ 85708. Resumes can also be hand delivered to Building 3220 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday or Wednesday. Deadline for resume submissions is March 31. Call 8-2120 for more information

#### Children's library story hour

The Base Library has a children's story hour every Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. Stories will be read and arts and crafts will also be available. Call 8-4381 for more information.



## **Education services**

#### Web Developer Certification

University of Phoenix is offering a Web Developer Certificate Program at D-M. This program is designed to provide students with competencies to understand, analyze, and develop business computer applications that will operate in the World Wide Web environment. Students will be able to design, develop, test and implement software applications using tools widely accepted in today's technical environment. For more information, call Lee Almond at 881-6512 ext. 144.

#### SAT and ACT testing dates

SAT testing will be held today, April 6, and May 4. ACT testing is scheduled for March 23, April 20, and May 18. Please call 8-4813 or 8-4815 to schedule a date.

#### Degree, commission same time

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is offering an opportunity to simultaneously finish your degree and earn a commission. Individuals wishing to pursue a graduate degree or those who can combine undergraduate and graduate studies and graduate in fiscal year 2002 are eligible. Call 8-4249 or 8-5191 for information.



### **Family support**

**Monday:** Financial Briefing is from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center.

**Tuesday:** Right Start is from 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. Time for Tots is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**Wednesday:** Transition Assistance Seminar March 21 through 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center.

**Thursday:** Fun Time is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

#### Interviewing workshop

Attend the interviewing workshop from 8 to 11 a.m. March 26 at the Community Center to help prepare the job interviews. Call 8-5690 for more information or reservations.

#### **Hearts Apart Golf and Stuff party**

Hearts Apart Golf and Stuff Party will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 24. This is for those who are enrolled in the Hearts Apart Program. Call 8-5690 for more information and reservations

#### Give Parents a Break

The next Give Parents a Break program is from 2 to 6 p.m. March 24 This program offers free childcare to active-duty Air Force parents who need a break from the stresses of parenting for a few hours. Families who are eligible for this program include those where a parent is feeling stress due to military member being deployed, recently moving to base or unique circumstances or hardships. For more information or a referral, call 8-5690.

#### Right Start briefing

Right Start will be conducted every Tuesday of each month at the Community Center from 8 a.m. to noon. The next Right Start will be March 20. Sign up to attend by calling the Military Personnel Flight, INTRO Office at 8-3076/4478. Right Start is a base introductory program designed to welcome all newcomers, military, DoD civilians and their spouses.



#### Other agencies

#### Saturday Pet Shot Clinic

There is a pet shot clinic Saturday at the Veterinary Clinic from 8 a.m. to noon. Shots for dogs include rabies, distemper and kennel cough; cats are immunized against rabies, leukemia and upper respiratory infections. No sick animals can be seen. Clinic attendance is by appointment only; appointments will be taken starting Monday. Regular weekday and evening clinics are also available. Call 8-3529, or come to Building 2712. The facility is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### Sell your home

The Housing Management Flight will be sponsoring a "How to Sell Your Home by Owner" workshop from 8 to 11 a.m. March 30 at the Education Office in Room 264. Representatives from the Tucson Association of Realtors will provide guidelines to follow and pitfalls to avoid while trying to sell your home on your own. There will also be an escrow manager providing information on escrow and title procedures when selling a home. Call Tina West at 8-5548 for reservations.

#### Need a job?

The Civilian Personnel Office is accepting applications or resumes for the Summer Hire Program now until all positions are filled. Applicants may submit items to the Civilian Personnel Flight, Building 3200, Room 213 from 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Applications for lifeguards, clerical, and laborer positions will be accepted. Lifeguard applicants are required to have a current Advance Life Saving certificate and a CPR certificate. Positions which involve conducting swimming lessons require a Water Safety Instructor certificate. Possession of the WSI certificate is highly desirable. Applicants for the clerical positions can sign a self-certification for typing in lieu of a performance test certificate. Copies of all certificates must be provided with your application. Call the job recorder line at 8-4103 for job listings. If you have questions, call 8-4122/ 3844/4121 or 8-3712.

## Black-tie charity gala

The D-M Officers' Spouses Club is hosting their charity gala and silent auction March 24. This black-tie event will feature a silent auction, five-course meal, and dancing to 40's and swing music. The gala is open to all officers club members. All funds from the silent auction go toward scholarships for military dependents. Reserve by today. Call Melissa Carter at 615-2247 (for O-7 and above and retirees); Marla Howes at 751-9155 (for O-4 through O-6); Cynthia Thomas at 512-4695 (for O-1 and O-3).

#### **ACA** reunion in Florida

The Air Commando Association Annual Reunion will be held in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Oct. 11 through 14. This year will mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the modern era U.S. Air Force Air Commando and Special Operation forces by Brig. Gen. Benjamin King, U.S. Air Force retired. Call (850) 581-0099, fax (850) 581-8988, e-mail <a href="maircomando@aol.com">aircomando@aol.com</a>, or check out Web page <a href="http://home.earthlink.net/aircommando1">http://home.earthlink.net/aircommando1</a> for more information.

#### Kindergarten Round-ups

Borman Elementary and Smith School are holding their annual Kindergarten Round-up for students in their attendance area who will be five years old by August 31. Visitation day and pre-registration for Borman will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. March 28. Call Borman at 512-3350 for more information. Visitation day and pre-registration for Smith School will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. March 29. Call Smith at 512-3330. Parents should bring their child's immunization records, birth certificate and proof of residence.

#### **Society of Military Widows meet**

The next Society of Military Widows, Chapter 14, meeting will be March 17 at the Officers' Club. The featured program will be "Seeing Eye Dogs." The society is for widows of servicemen

who died on active-duty or in retirement. All services and ranks are welcomed. Call 797-4526 for reservations or 298-1145 for more information.

#### Beautify your yard

The annual Family Housing Beautification Month kicks off April 1. Beautification Month is a fix-up, clean-up, and spruce-up program that recognizes the most improved yards and exterior appearance in Palo Verde Village, Kachina Village, and the Mobile Home Parks. Winners from each area will be selected by First Sergeants. All winners will receive prizes including yard and garden items, 355th Services Squadron coupon books, and a certificate of appreciation. Housing residents may check out various yard tools from Housing Maintenance Home Improvement Center located on the corner of Phantom Drive and National Blvd. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. Call Beth Wilson, Housing Facilities Chief, at 8-6609 if you need any additional information.

#### Women's History celebration

The Women's History Month celebration is March 28. Two programs are scheduled on that day and both are at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. The morning program is from 7:30 to 11 a.m. A continental breakfast for \$5 will be served. Guest speakers will discuss problem solving, vision and depression. The lunch program is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 (members) or \$12 (non-members), and a choice of chef salad or a chicken supreme sandwich. Lt. Col. Gina Giles, 12th Air Force Chief of Staff, is the guest speaker. RSVP no later than today. Call Peg Nelson at 8-8440, Marie Hanna at 8-3812 or Barbara Dycus at 8-5159 to RSVP.



#### Movie theater

**Today**: Save The Last Dance, (PG-13), 7 p.m. **Saturday**: Sugar and Spice, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Sunday: Snatch, (R), 7 p.m. March 23: Valentine, (R), 7 p.m.

March 24: Head Over Heals, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**March 25**: Antitrust, (PG-13), 7 p.m.